GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department — Guntur Municipal Corporation – A.C.B. - Allegations of demand and acceptance of bribe for issuing a 'Dangerous and Offensive Trade License' against Dr. P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation - Departmental Proceedings initiated under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 -- Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of " withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.324 **Dated.19.03.2024.**

Read the following:

1) Radio Message in Crime No.23/RCT-ACB-VJA/2009, dt 08-11-2009 of DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
2) From the Director - General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Lr.No.273/RCT-VGT/2009-S.17, Dated: .06.2010.
3) Govt.Memo.No.18614/Vig.IV.1/2009-2, dated.14.02.2011.
4) From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.273/RCT-VGT/2009-S.17, dated.16.06.2012
5) Govt.Memo.No.18614/Vig.IV.1/2009, dated.14.09.2012.
6) From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.273/RCT-VGT/2009/S.17, date.08.06.2017.
7) G.O.Rt.No.884, M.A. & U.D. Dept., dated 18.12.2017.
8) WSD of Dr. P.Rama Rao, former Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation, dated.05.12.2019.
9) G.O.Rt.No.397, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.07.09.2020.
10) G.O.Rt.No.95, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.05.03.2021.
11) From Sri B.Nagendra Kumar, Additional Project Director, APUWS & SMIP, Vijayawada, Lr.ROC No.APUF-14023/11/2021-F and ACCT SEC - APUFIDC, Dated.28.11.2022.
12) Govt.Memo.No.18614/Vig.II/2009/A2(E-282989), dated.20.03.2023.
13) Written representation Dr. P.Rama Rao, former MHO, Guntur Municipal Corporation, dt.29.05.2023.
14) G.O.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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O R D E R:-

Whereas vide reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government alleging that Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation, Guntur District was trapped by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 07.11.2009 when demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- from complainant, as illegal gratification to give 'Dangerous and Offensive Trade License'.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the DG, ACB, A.P. has furnished the final report and recommended for Prosecution of Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation (AO-1) and another accused officer (AO-2) in a Court of Law, U/s 7 & 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the P.C.Act,1988 and also to initiate Departmental action against them for violation of Rules and 3(1) (2) and 9(7) of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964.

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3. Government after examination of the matter and following due procedure, keeping in view of the remarks of the DG, ACB, A.P. vide reference 4th read above, it was decided to conduct departmental enquiry instead of prosecution against Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation (AO-1) and another accused officer (AO-2). Accordingly, while informing the same, the DG, ACB, A.P. has been requested to furnish the Draft Article of charges against both the Accused officers, vide reference 5th read above.

4. The DG, ACB, A.P. in reference 6th read above, furnished the Draft Article of charges against both the Accused officers. After following due procedure, Article of charges were framed against Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation vide reference 7th read above.

5. The charged officer submitted his written statement of defence, vide reference 8th read above. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence and after following due procedure, the Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration (RDMA), Guntur, was appointed as an Inquiry Officer, vide reference 9th read above. Later, Sri B. Nagendra Kumar, Additional Project Director, APUWSSMI was appointed as an Inquiry officer in place of the RDMA, Guntur, vide reference 10th read above; to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officer.

6. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 11th read above and held that all the (2) charges framed against the charged officer are held proved.

7. In the reference 12th read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. The charged officer has submitted the written representation vide reference 13th read above, and among others, has requested to exonerate him from the charge. No new points were submitted by the delinquent official in his representation.

8. Government have examined the written representation of the Charged Officer; keeping in view the findings of Inquiry Authority and Rule-30 (2) (ii) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation, as he failed to discharge his duties as per the established procedure, slack supervision over the subordinate and also submit APRs., as per the orders in force.

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer, Guntur Municipal Corporation., as all the charges were held proved against him in the Inquiry.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri / the Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

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11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr.P.Rama Rao, the then Medical Health Officer,
Guntur Municipal Corporation - **through** the Director of
Public Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration A.P., Mangalagiri
The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, A.P.,
PN Bus stand, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.